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SUBJ: ASIAN INSTITUTE FOR BROADCASTING DEVELOPMENT,

APRIL 25-27 MEETING IN KUALA LUMPUR

REF: STATE 82263

1. SUMMARY: SUBJECT ORGANIZATION IS UNESCO ASIAN BROADCASTING UNION (ABU)-FOUNDED REGIONAL RADIO/TV TRAINING PROGRAM WHICH HAS RUN FOUR TO SIX WEEK TRAINING COURSES FOR TECHNICIANS, PRODUCERS, DESIGNERS, AND BROADCASTERS FROM ESCAP NATIONS SINCE 1971. ASIAN INSTITUTE FOR BROADCASTING DEVELOPMENT (AIDB) USES GOM NATIONAL BROADCASTING TRAINING CENTER (NBTC) FACILITIES. PURPOSE OF APRIL 25-27 MEETING IS FOR NATIONS GEOGRAPHICALLY WITHIN ESCAP REGION TO DISCUSS AND VOTE ON PROPOSED CHARTER FOR AIDB TO PUT IT ON ITS OWN FEET.

2. DIRECTOR UNESCO PROJECT MANAGER IS R. BALAKRISHNAN, A MALAYSIAN CITIZEN SECUNDED FROM NBTC FOR TWO YEARS. HIS TASK WAS TO WORK TOWARDS REGIONAL CHARTER AND INTERNATIONAL GOVERNING BODY OF
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UN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND PACIFIC (ESCAP)

NATIONS TO SUPPLEMENT AND POSSIBLY REPLACE UNESCO-GOM ADMINISTRATION

AND UNDP FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

3. COPY OF "UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MEETING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASIAN INSTITUTE FOR BROADCASTING DEVELOPMENT APRIL 1977

KUALA LUMPUR, DRAFT PROJECT DOCUMENT: AIDB (RAS/75/010)"
BEING SENT AIRGRAM.

4. FYI: JAPAN IS A CONTRIBUTING COUNTRY. SO ARE
AUSTRALIA, UK, FRANCE AND BELGIUM. INVITATION TO
MEETING RESTRICTED TO THOSE FALLING WITHIN ESCAP
GEOGRAPHIC REGION. THEREFORE FRANCE (BECAUSE OF NEW
CALEDONIA) IS INVITED, BUT U.S. NOT.

5. RATIONALE OF MEETING AND OF AIDB IS TO GENERATE
SUPPORT FROM WITHIN REGION, INCLUDING RECIPIENT COUNTRIES,
IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE REGIONAL INTEREST, TO EXTENT OF
CONSIDERING SELF-TAXATION CONTRIBUTIONS FROM RECIPIENT
NATIONS NONE OF WHOM HAVE YET BEEN REQUIRED TO PAY.
SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN LATE 1960'S, UNESCO AND GOM
HAVE ADMINISTERED AND CONTRIBUTED MILLIONS, UNDP HAS
COMMITTED U.S.\$100,000 PER ANNUM THROUGH 1981;
ASIA BROADCASTING UNION (ABU) WHO GOT UNESCO INTERESTED
AT 1966 MEETING IN BANGKOK GIVES \$30,000 ANNUALLY,
BELGIUM HAS RUN PROGRAM IN THAILAND; AND UK, AUSTRALIA,
WEST GERMANY AND JAPAN HAVE ALL PROVIDED INSTRUCTORS
AND/OR MONIES AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER. PRESENTLY AIDB
UNDER ADMINISTRATION OF MALAYSIAN NATIONAL BROADCASTING
TRAINING CENTER. ALL ASEAN NATIONS PARTICIPATE.

6. ACCORDING TO BALAKRISHNAN, JAPAN SENDING EMBOFF
FROM KL EMBASSY AS OFFICIAL DELEGATE TO APRIL 25-27
MEETING. FURTHER, HE BELIEVES JAPAN, GROK, AND
U.S. ALL CONSULTING EACH OTHER ON THIS.
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